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Claims 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18 and 26 are pending in the applications. Claim 26 has been allowed and Claims 9 and 18 are objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections to Claims 6, 7, 15 and 16, Applicants hereby cancel Claims 6, 7, 15 and 16 without prejudice to the filing of continuations and/or divisionals. Additionally, Claims 9 and 18 have been amended herein to incorporate the limitations of independent Claims 6 and 15.

In summary, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 9 and 18 and Claim 26 are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that pending Claims 9, 18 and 26 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (714) 669-1261.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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